

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1394
ANSWERED ON- 14/12/2023

AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER

1394. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) Whether Government maintains data on awards given by the foreign Governments to Indian leaders, the details thereof;
- (b) the list of major awards given by foreign countries to the Prime Minister since assuming office in 2014;
- (c) the awards, out of (b) above, which no other Indian Prime Minister ever received before;
- (d) the list of awards presented to the Prime Minister by International organizations and foundations; and
- (e) the significance of Indian PM receiving a large number of international awards?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to e) Since 2014, Prime Minister of India has received highest national awards of 14 countries and the highest environmental award of UN, the list of notable international awards conferred on to PM is as follows:

- (1) Sash of King Abdulaziz by Saudi Arabia on 3 April 2016
- (2) State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan by Afghanistan on 4 June 2016
- (3) Grand Collar of the State of Palestine by Palestine on 10 February 2018
- (4) UN Champion of the Earth Award by United Nations on 3 October 2018
- (5) Order of Zayed by UAE on 4 April 2019
- (6) Order of St. Andrew by Russia on 12 April 2019
- (7) Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzuddin by Maldives on 8 June 2019
- (8) King Hamad Order of the Renaissance by Bahrain on 24 August 2019
- (9) Legion of Merit by United States on 21 December 2020
- (10) Order of the Dragon King by Bhutan on 17 December 2021
- (11) Order of Fiji by Fiji on 22 May 2023
- (12) Order of Logohu by Papua New Guinea on 22 May 2023
- (13) Order of the Nile by Egypt on 25 June 2023

- (14) Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour by France on 13 July 2023
- (15) Grand Cross of the Order of Honour by Greece on 25 August 2023

Conferring the highest awards on the Prime Minister of India is a clear recognition of his statesmanship and leadership at bilateral, regional and global levels. It also reflects a recognition of India under PM's leadership, including in giving voice to the Global South on the world stage, and approaching issues confronted by humanity through dialogue and diplomacy.
